

Appl. No. 10/648,701
Amdt. dated January 28, 2005
Reply to Office Action of November 2, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

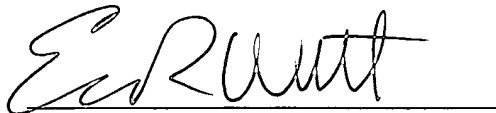
By this amendment, paragraph [0032] of the specification is amended to clarify the relationship among the clipping element 55, metallic spring 53, shaft sheath 54 and shaft 51. Support for this amendment can be found in Fig. 3. No new matter is introduced. Paragraph [0033] was amended to delete the word "sus303" considered indefinite by the Examiner. Claim 16 is amended to include subject matter from claim 17. Support can be found in Fig. 3 and Paragraph [0032] of the specification. No new matter is introduced. Claims 1-15 and 17 are cancelled without prejudice. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested for currently pending claims.

Since claim 16 has been amended to include first and second conductive liners, the limitation "said first and said second conductive liners" recited in claim 18 in lines 1-2 has sufficient antecedent basis now. Withdrawal of the rejection under Section 112, first paragraph, is requested.

Since the amended claim 16 incorporates therein the feature of allowable claim 17, allowance of currently pending claims 16 and 18-20 is respectfully requested. Withdrawal of the rejections under Section 102(a) and 103(a) is requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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